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He's how SEPTA went from loathed to loved

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If you listen, riders will say good things

After years of mostly taking beatings on blogs, in subways and along bus routes, SEPTA seems to be taking positive turn Complaints also up

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▶ Train car operators aren't always so cheery, but they're getting better reviews each of the last four years — as are SEPTA workers

Since taking over as SEPTA's general manager in 2008, Joe Casey has emphasized customer service for a system once plagued by bad press thanks to recurring financial problems and aging infrastructure. It seems that Casey's preaching is paying dividends.

For the fourth consecutive year, SEPTA has seen an increase in the number of commendations from customers, and commendations through Dec. 15 are already up 20 percent from 2010. As the nation's sixth-largest transit agency, it has also seen a steady rise in ridership.

"Most of the commendations, I'd say 95 percent of the commendations, have nothing to do with the way they drive a bus or a trolley or how they collect fares," said Kim Scott Heinle, who was promoted to assistant general manager for customer service and advocacy in 2008, "It's the amazing things they do and the people skills that draw the most attention."

The agency has changed the way it recruits employees through its qualifications tests, focusing more on people skills than just technical skills, Heinle said, noting that they still have "a lot more work to do."

Part of the reason for the change in perception is Casey's willingness to listen, said rider advocate Matthew Mitchell.

"If there's been one hallmark of Joe Casey's time it's that he's listening and he gets out on the system and sees what's going on. It's really important from a customer service standpoint," said Mitchell, of the Delaware Valley Association of Rail Passengers. "You can't fix something unless you know there's a problem."

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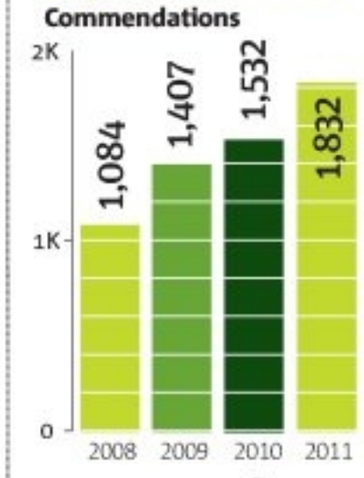
By the numbers

SOURCE: SEPTA. 2011 NUMBERS THROUGH DEC. 15



Ups and downs

Things that have helped customer perceptions:

1 **QuietRide:** SEPTA's initiative to designate one "quiet" car on busier Regional Rail trains has received positive feedback overall.

2 **Stable fares:** SEPTA has raised fares once since 2007. It's a lot easier to like the system when fares don't jump every year.

Things that have harmed customer perceptions:

1 **Phillies parade debacle:** The only thing more memorable than Chase Utley's expletive is the thousands of people waiting for the Broad Street Subway.

2 **Antiquated equipment:** The fact that customers still can't buy tokens with debit cards or even purchase tokens at some stations still frustrates many.

More than a grand worker

Wade Gordon, a district clerk receiver for SEPTA at the Midvale bus depot, was one of two employees recently commended for returning a passenger's wallet which contained more than $1,000. He hears from plenty of relieved customers, but he also deals with his share of angry passengers.

"My aim is to try to do my job to the best of my ability because I'm here to deal with customers," said Gordon, a 25-year SEPTA employee.

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In the news

Two school districts for Philly?

City Councilman Bill Green yesterday called on state and local officials to overhaul the way the School District of Philadelphia is run. In a policy paper, Green suggests instituting a mayor-appointed school board that would oversee successful schools and a statewide reform entity that would manage underperforming schools. METRO

In the news

Newborn left on the curb

Investigators are looking for a mother who abandoned her newborn baby in a trash pile on a Strawberry Mansion curb. The hours-old girl, whose umbilical cord was still attached, was rushed to St. Christopher's Hospital, where police say her vitals are strong.

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Jehovah's Witness sues City Council

- Former worker for Jannie Blackwell claims lawmaker created hostile environment because of religion
- Accuser claims she was forced to wear Christmas shirt

A former special assistant to Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell is suing Philadelphia and City Council in U.S. District Court for religious discrimination.

Tyeisha Boulware, a Jehovah's Witness who worked for Blackwell, a Baptist, for nearly four years, claims that Blackwell created a hostile working environment by criticizing her religious beliefs during staff meetings and repeatedly questioning whether she voted, as followers are encouraged to remain politically neutral.

"I swear I do not understand that religion!" Blackwell allegedly said during a staff meeting when discussing a Ward Leader who gave up his position to become a Witness.

According to the suit, Blackwell also forced Boulware to wear a Christmas shirt to her 2010 Homeless Holiday Party, saying, "This is not going to work," when Boulware objected on religious grounds, then whispering to a staffer, who then said, "If you don't put this shirt on, this is going to be your job." Boulware's position was eliminated about two weeks later. She is seeking compensation for lost wages and benefits, damages for pain and suffering and punitive damages to deter the defendants from future discrimination. She is also asking for reimbursement of court costs.

▶ Blackwell

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Metro Magic. Time to give
▶ Red Cross workers David Natale and Michael Kiley-Zufelt hauled about 200 gifts out of Metro's Center City offices yesterday.

Toy drive exceeds expectations

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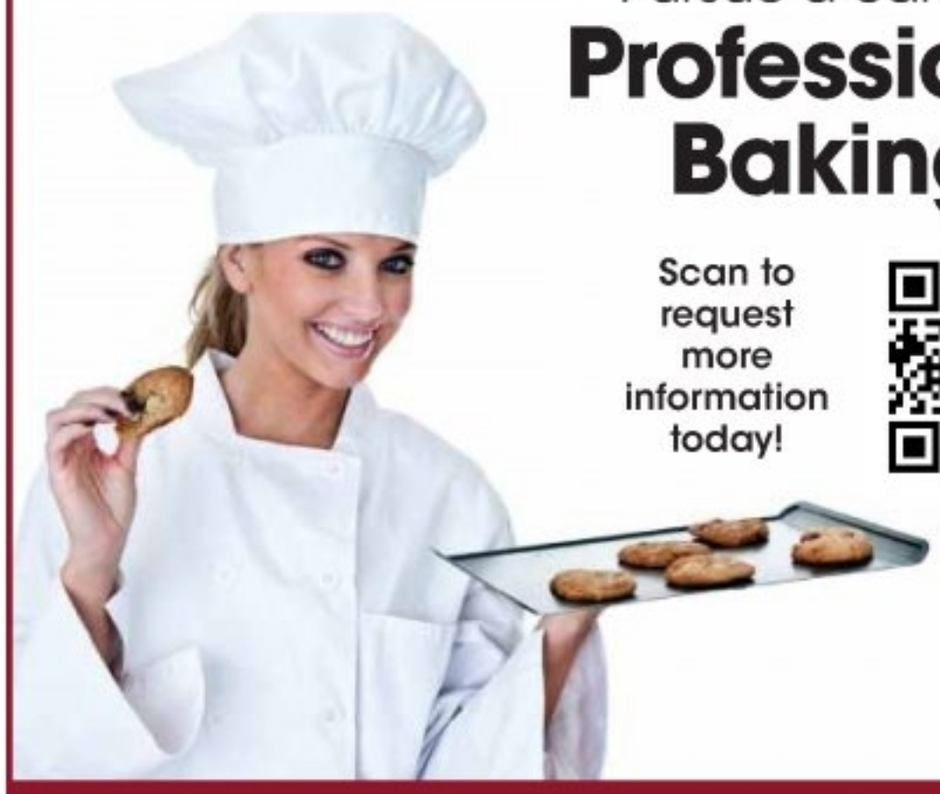

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Charm Bracelets	$5,500	Lavalieres	$8,000
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$3.00	1854D	Up To	$10,500
$5.00	1795 Small Eagle	Up To	$52,000
$5.00	1838D	Up To	$10,500
$5.00	1842C Small Date, 1861D, 1864S	Up To	$6,500
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$10.00	1793 13 Leaves Below Eagle, 1796 9 Leaves Below Eagle	Up To	$20,500
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Ball	$4,000	Hamilton	$500	Vacheron & Constantin	$26,000
Breitling	$15,000	Illinois	$1,500	Chronograph Watches	$16,500
Cartier	$12,500	Jules Jurgenson	$16,000	Ladies Watches	$11,000
Corum	$3,000	LeCourtte	$6,000	Musical Watches	$37,500
Ditishiem	$14,000	Longines	$13,000	Pocket Watches	$52,500
Dudley	$11,500	Movado	$2,500	Regular Watches	$11,000
E. Howard & Co.	$12,000	Omega	$2,500	Repeating Watches	$65,000
Elgin	$750	Rolex	$16,000	Stop Watches	$11,000
Frodsham	$12,000	Seth Thomas	$1,500	World Time Watches	$37,500

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Report: Chinese hacked US

WASHINGTON. Hackers in China broke through the computer defenses of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce last year and were able to access information about its operations and its 3 million members, the Wall Street Journal reported yesterday.

In Beijing, China dismissed the report.

The Journal, citing unidentified people familiar with the matter, reported the operation against the top American business lobbying group involved at least 300 Internet addresses and was discovered and shut down in May 2010. **REUTERS**

Investor pleads for quick action on AOL

NEW YORK. AOL, losing as much as $500 million annually in its display advertising business, must take "immediate action" to stem shareholders' losses, activist investor Starboard Value LP said.

Starboard, which said it holds a 4.5 percent stake, sent AOL a letter dated today that outlines its poor performance, estimating the Internet company sees "staggering" operating losses in display ads.

AOL CEO Tim Armstrong has been struggling to revive sales after the separation from Time Warner in December 2009, as AOL competed for ad dollars with Google and Facebook. **BLOOMBERG**

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▶ Kepler-22b is 2.4 times the size of Earth.

Earth-size planets?

HOUSTON. NASA's Kepler mission has discovered the first Earth-size planets orbiting a sunlike star outside our solar system, a milestone in the search for planets like the earth, the space agency said on Tuesday. The planets, called Kepler-20e and Kepler-20f, are the smallest planets outside the solar system confirmed around a star like the Sun, NASA said in a statement. **REUTERS**

Charging its way into popularity: The bus?

Curbside bus service is up as gas prices and perks such as Wi-Fi make driving less attractive But regulators warn that safety may be an issue

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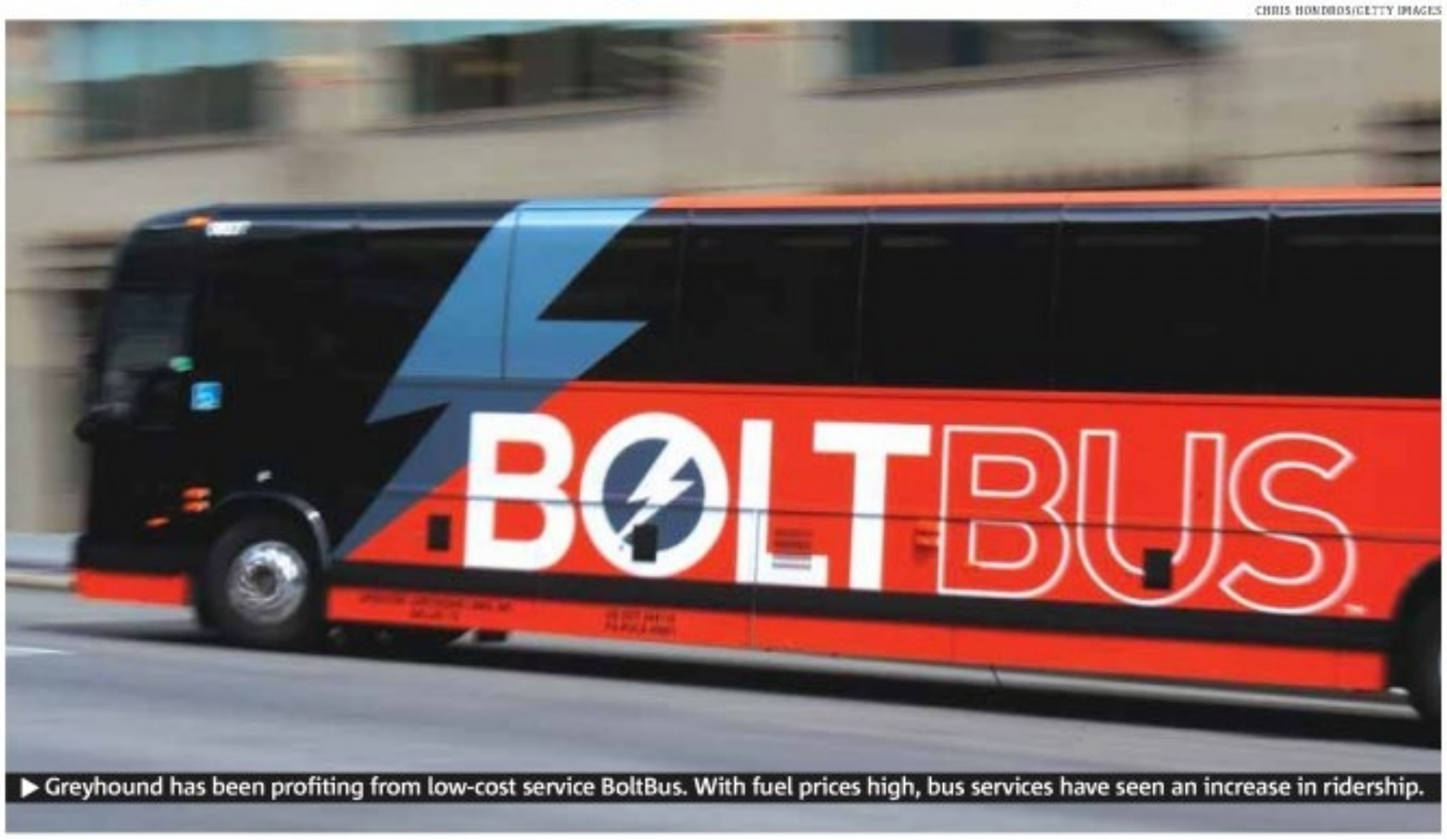

▶ Greyhound has been profiting from low-cost service BoltBus. With fuel prices high, bus services have seen an increase in ridership.

Megabus.com and BoltBus led U.S. curbside bus companies that boosted trips by 32 percent this year as travelers opted to leave their cars behind and surf the Internet while traveling, DePaul University researchers said.

The popularity of U.S. intercity buses picking up passengers at the curb rather than in a terminal has been growing since the industry reversed a 46-year decline in 2006, Joseph Schwieterman, director of DePaul's Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development in Chicago, said in a telephone interview. Bus traffic including traditional service grew this year at the fastest pace since 2008, the institute said in a study released today.

Quoted

"Bus travel is suddenly cool."
SCHWIETERMAN

Higher gasoline costs make driving a car more expensive at the same time as buses offer access to free Wi-Fi and cheaper fares than on planes and trains, Schwieterman said. Once viewed as a last resort in the U.S., bus travel is now attracting more affluent riders, students and women traveling alone, he said.

"Bus travel is suddenly cool," Schwieterman said. "There's a fatigue over driving combined with a revitalized image of the bus."

Daily intercity curbside bus departures increased to 778 from 589 a year ago, according to a DePaul study to be published today. Scheduled departures for the total bus industry, which includes Greyhound Lines, increased 7.1 percent to 2,693. **BLOOMBERG**

Safety second?

NEW YORK. Regulators are questioning the safety of bus travel after 28 people died in eight crashes this year. The National Transportation Safety Board warned in an Oct. 31 study that curbside operators are seven times more likely to be involved in a fatal wreck than traditional intercity lines. **BLOOMBERG**

President reaches for a tax deal

WASHINGTON. In a bid to end a worsening standoff over extending a tax break for Americans, President Barack Obama urged Republican House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner yesterday to pass a short-term extension and return to talks on a year-long deal in the New Year.

Obama asked Boehner and House Republicans to drop their opposition to a short-term measure that the Senate passed overwhelmingly at the weekend and signaled an unwillingness to reopen negotiations now. **REUTERS**

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Obama telephoned Boehner and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to stress his willingness to work with Congress to get an agreement on the expiring payroll tax cut for 160 million Americans.

▶ Boehner

Leadership in question

WASHINGTON. In Congress' tense drama over how to extend payroll tax cuts for 160 million Americans, it may be the most intriguing subplot: whether Republican House Speaker John Boehner is losing his grip on members of his own party.

Boehner and many Republicans scoff at the idea. But the House's rejection on Tuesday of a bipartisan Senate plan to extend the tax cuts for two months has raised questions about Boehner's efforts to lead compromise-resistant House Republicans who have helped ratchet up the tension in Congress. **REUTERS**

N. Korea's military to share power with Jong-un

North Korea will shift to collective rule from a strongman dictatorship after last week's death of Kim Jong-il, although his untested young son will be at the head of the ruling coterie, a source with close ties to Pyongyang and Beijing said.

The source added that the military, which is trying to develop a nuclear arsenal, has pledged allegiance to the untested Kim Jong-un, who takes over the family dynasty that has ruled North Korea since it was founded after World War II.

The source declined to be identified but has correctly predicted events in the past, telling Reuters about the North's first nuclear test in 2006 before it took place.

The comments are the first signal that North Korea is following a course that many analysts have anticipated — it will be governed by a group of people for the first time since it was founded in 1948.

Both Kim Jong-il and his father Kim Il-sung were all-powerful, authoritarian rulers of the isolated state.

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▶ North Korean soldiers gather near the bank of the Yalu River yesterday in the North Korean town of Sinuiji.

Syrian forces massacre 111 civilians and activists

Syrian forces killed 111 people ahead of the start of a mission to monitor President Bashar al-Assad's implementation of an Arab League peace plan, activists said yesterday, and France branded the killings an "unprecedented massacre."

Rami Abdulrahman of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 111 civilians and activists were killed in addition to more than 100 casualties among army deserters in Idlib province, turning yesterday into the "bloodiest day of the Syrian revolution."

"[It was the] bloodiest day of the Syrian revolution."
RAMI ABDULRAHMAN OF THE SYRIAN OBSERVATORY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

He's no Seacrest

Steve Jones reportedly will not return as host of the U.S. edition of "The X-Factor" after one season on the job, according to Hollyscoop. "He got terrible reviews from critics when he started, and things haven't got better. There have been mistakes, and he just doesn't seem to have the knack for dealing with contestants," a source says. "The executives at Fox have already decided not to renew his contract — and so, short of a miracle happening, it is pretty much a done deal that he will not take part next season."

However, Jones' rep told People magazine that the reports of his imminent dismissal were "a fabrication." "There have been absolutely no conversations about Steve Jones leaving 'The X Factor,'" the representative told the magazine.

Man, it's sad that a rumored firing is the only way to make people care about "The X-Factor."

▶ Is Steve Jones in or out?

▶ Internet hoax No. 34515 (this week)?

Timberlake off the market?

I take this with a huge grain of salt, but some people out there on the World Wide Web are reporting that **Justin Timberlake** and **Jessica Biel** are engaged. (Remember: This is the same Internet that also said that **Bon Jovi** died earlier this week.) Lainey Gossip points to this tweet from a gallery owner in Jackson, Wyo.: "Word on the street is that Justin Timberlake proposed to Jessica Biel at the Amangani last night...we're picking out post-engagement presents for them just in case they come in! Trying to play it cool..."

Sounds like a huge publicity stunt from the gallery store owner, but you never know. The Twitter works in mysterious ways.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Joel McHale feels informed, Rosario Dawson is rocking out, Nathan Fillion is feeling forgetful and Sarah Silverman isn't ready for battle.

▶ **@joelmchale:** Thanks news outlets. I am now fully informed about how the Post Office is busier around the holidays. Man, was I in the dark.

▶ **@rosariodawson:** I'm so glad I made it back to London in time to surprise my Mama with Duran Duran at the O2! They just played my song! Rio!!!!!!

▶ **@sarahksilverman:** Had a war time dream where I had to go to battle but I didn't want to because I had a zit

▶ **@NathanFillion:** Dear Morning Coffee, How was your ride to work on top of my car? Glad you made it. But now you're iced coffee. Nathan

Fillion

Talking points

JLo divorce is getting nasty

While they've remained civil since their July split, it's reportedly about to get very ugly between **Jennifer Lopez** and **Marc Anthony** with a "vicious" custody battle on the way, according to Us Weekly. The trigger seems to be Lopez's new boyfriend, **Casper Smart**, and his apparent bonding with Lopez and Anthony's 3-year-old twins, **Max and Emme**. Anthony reportedly "hit the roof" after seeing photos of Lopez, Smart and the kids enjoying Thanksgiving together in Hawaii and is "going back on his word and saying he wants joint custody," a source says. "He wants to make Jennifer suffer because she's having fun with someone new, and he knows this will hurt her."

Penn gets into another screaming match

Sean Penn reportedly got into a screaming match at LAX airport recently with former costar — and long-time Penn critic — **Maria Conchita Alonso**,

▶ Penn

▶ Alonso

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the actress reveals in an interview with Washington, D.C., radio station WMAL. "I said, 'You are a communist, Sean Penn.' He said, 'You are a pig!' So I said, 'And you are a communist a—hole! Is it great to live the way you do as a communist?'" Alonso says. The actress, who starred with Penn in 1988's "Colors," says she wanted to apologize "for calling Sean Penn an a—hole. He is an intelligent man," she says. "But if someone calls me a pig, I am not going to turn the other cheek. I don't regret calling him a communist."

The Bieber paternity case still on

Justin Bieber may have thought that taking a DNA test had gotten him clear of **Mariah Yeater**, the woman claiming Bieber is the father of her baby, but as far as she is concerned, nothing has been resolved. "I dropped my lawsuit, but never my claim," Yeater tells the Chicago Sun-Times. "I still definitely want a DNA test and I want to refile my paternity case." As for **Robbie Powell**, who claims that he actually is the baby's father? "He is not the father, and he's locked up and out of the picture."

Ballerinas on Wall Street and more

1. Tom Cruise and Jimmy Fallon play "Wreath Toss" during a taping of "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon" at Rockefeller Center on Tuesday in New York City.

2. Dancers Tiler Peck and Robert Fairchild from The New York City Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker" posed for a photo after ringing the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday in New York City.

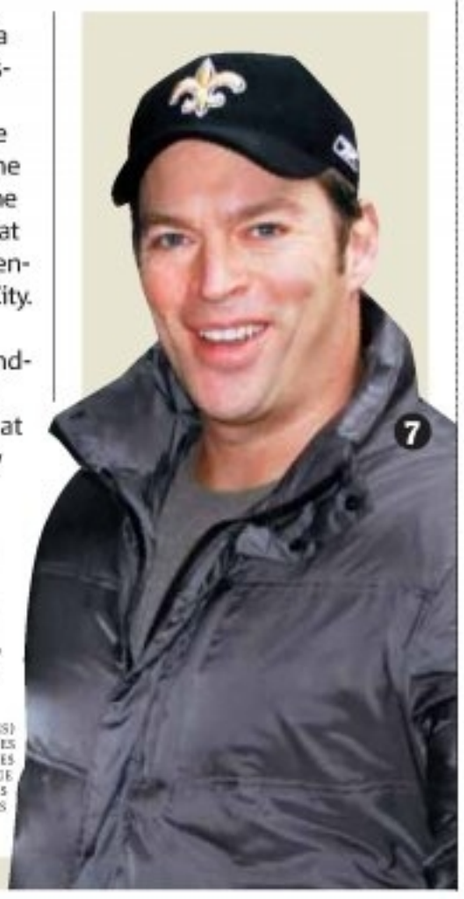
3. Sir Paul McCartney performed onstage at The Liverpool Echo Arena on Tuesday in Liverpool, United Kingdom.

4. Lady Gaga arrived at Narita International Airport on Tuesday in Narita, Japan.

5. Filmmaker Martin Scorsese (who is the human form of the old man in "Up") attended the screening of "Mean Streets" at The Film Society of Lincoln Center on Tuesday in New York City.

6. Rapper Roscoe Dash attended the VIBE & Roscoe Dash J.U.I.C.E. 2011 holiday party at Gold Bar on Tuesday in New York City.

7. Harry Connick Jr. arrived for the "Late Show With David Letterman" at the Ed Sullivan Theater on Tuesday in New York City.



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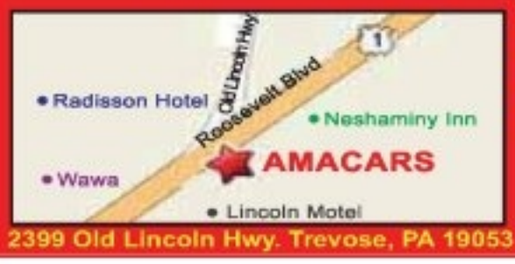

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TV watch list

'Hollywood at Home'

SPECIAL. Celebrities like Andie MacDowell, Kelly Bensimon, George Jones and "Dancing with the Stars" pro Mark Ballas show off how they deck the halls for the holiday season.
8 p.m., HGTV

'Prep & Landing 2: Naughty vs. Nice'

SPECIAL. Someone's on Santa's particularly naughty list, so Elf Wayne (voiced by Dave Foley), along with his little bro (Rob Riggle), attempt to save Christmas cheer in spite of the little troublemaker.
8:30 p.m., ABC

'The X Factor'

REALITY. A $5 million contract, spot in a Super Bowl commercial and Simon Cowell's eternal claim that he or she "is a star because of me" go to America's very first "X Factor" winner tonight.
Season finale, 8 p.m., Fox

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▶ Either Chris Rene, Melanie Amaro or Josh Krajcik, from left, will be named the "X Factor" champ tonight.

'Funny or Die's Billy on the Street'

COMEDY. Comic Billy Eichner transforms his on-the-street interviews into a game show.
Series premiere, 10 p.m., Fuse

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5 Reasons to face the crowds at theaters Christmas Day

PARAMOUNT PICTURES

▶ "The Adventures of Tintin" is a must-see 3-D experience.

1 'The Adventures of Tintin' The beloved Belgian comic book character gets animated in 3-D by two of the most celebrated director-slash-producers in Hollywood, Steven Spielberg and Peter Jackson. Expect to be amazed.

2 'We Bought a Zoo' Cameron Crowe directs Matt Damon in this tearjerker based on a true story about a widower who buys a dilapidated zoo in order to give his kids a wholesome childhood.

3 'The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo' David Fincher adapts the book and Swedish movie for those of us who don't like reading subtitles. Rooney Mara, as Lisbeth Salander, has already been nominated for awards for her stellar performance opposite Daniel Craig.

4 'Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows' Holmes (Robert Downey Jr.) and Watson (Jude Law) pick up where they left off — and this time, they're after dastardly Professor Moriarity (Jared Harris of "Mad Man") with Rachel McAdams and the original Lisbeth Salander from the Swedish "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" films, Noomi Rapace.

5 'Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol' Tom Cruise may be deep into his 40s, but that hasn't stopped the impeccably fit actor from performing most of his own stunts in the fourth installment of this series. With a bombing of the Kremlin incorrectly blamed on his team, Ethan Hunt (Cruise) and his colleagues are forced to go underground to prove their innocence. Shot partially in IMAX, this film's bound to be at the top of the list for any thrill-seeker.

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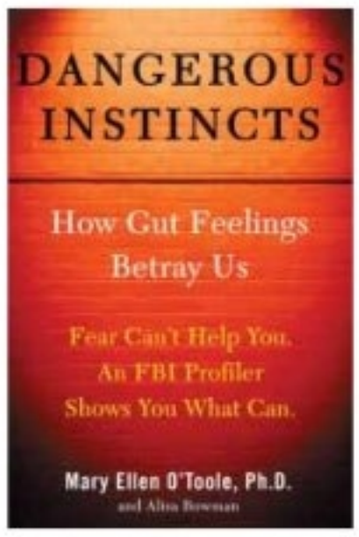
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Mary Ellen O'Toole, Ph.D.
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Screening for crazies: How to evaluate someone you met online

Given that online dating has become so common, it's easy to lose sight of the fact that some of the people you'll meet on the Web could be not only just not your type, but mentally unstable as well. Author Mary Ellen O'Toole, Ph.D., has evaluated serial killers during her long career as an FBIO behavioral analyst. In her new book, "Dangerous Instincts," O'Toole outlines the methods she uses to screen for personality disorders. She offers some strategies for teasing out valuable information that can keep you safe while dating online.

Here are some dating profile red flag phrases:

▶ **"I'm not into playing games."** "That is almost what we would call a protest statement," says O'Toole. "You never brought that up to begin with. It's not likely that you would, so why do they bring it up? Do they bring it up because they've been accused of that before? Do they bring it up because that's the kind of thing they do? Do they bring it up because they're projecting onto you and are anticipating that you'll play games? You don't know, but ... you want to see if this ultimately becomes important."

▶ **"I'm looking for someone who is going to be my soul mate."** "You want to look at who is the most important person in this e-mail. Is it the writer or is it you?" says O'Toole. "[Beware of] someone who seems to become jealous, or possessive and says, 'I can't live without you' or 'You are my soul mate, I can tell right away.' A needy man or woman might think 'He really loves me,' but the flip side of that — three months down the road — is, 'This guy is a stalker.'"

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▶ **"I'm not the kind of person who would cheat on my wife."** "That makes them look very defensive," O'Toole says. "The next question: 'Is that just their linguistic style or is there a reason for it?' There are some people who have that 'the world is half-empty' outlook and they believe that no matter what they do, you're going to cheat. It becomes an inevitable conclusion for them."

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▶ ***MerMoo, wuv u so much -4 ever stinky lou!***
▶ *Pretty Girl, u r everything to me. Luv u forever and a day! Freestyles Finest*
▶ ***Lance, without u I can't breathe or smile, u complete me. A. C.***
▶ *Elias Babe, I Luv You So Much! Ur A Dream In Everyway! Luv Naya*
▶ ***Tina, Thank you for 35 years of beautiful love and marriage. You will always be my IGW.***
▶ *Pablo - You are my soulmate and the love of my life. Merry Christmas Darling. Love, your Princess Isabella Suzanne.*
▶ ***Anthony...My love Dnt cost a thing I Love You & Only You - 93011***
▶ *Kevin, Elephant juice! We are truly one. Love Nyya*
▶ ***L. Nedderman.....you are my rock, you give me strength. I couldn't have asked for a better husband. I love you. T. Nedderman***
▶ *Handsome- you're the best thing. So lucky you picked me. I love you! -Em*
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RE: "YOU AND ME COULD WRITE A BAD ROMANCE": Did you write that headline yourself? I don't know about you, but me could write a better headline. **SANDY FOUTZ, VIA E-MAIL**

Voters expect the impossible

RE: "VOTE THE LITTLE KINGS OUT NOW": Mike Miller refers to elected officials as kings. If the American dream has become a nightmare, it cannot be placed so conveniently at the doorsteps of elected officials. We have pushed elected officials into an economic catch-22 in the way of our many entitlements — which we wish to retain, while refusing the increased taxation that go with them. These are mutually exclusive propositions. **JOHN DINGA, VIA E-MAIL**

Mixed bag on our freedoms

RE: "FOUNDERS GAVE PRESS THE RIGHT": Mr. Van Looy's recent letter distresses me. His assertion is incorrect: The First Amendment never mentions news media corporations. Even more distressing is the claim that the Constitution gives rights: The Federalist Papers show that the Constitution only limits the powers of the government; it can't give rights because they are already possessed by the people. **JESSE M. PORCH, VIA E-MAIL**

The historical record is very clear that the founding fathers meant that the First Amendment was a universal principle that applied to all. The "freedom of the press" does not protect the press as an industry, it protects everyone's use of the printing press. The vast majority of all Supreme Court opinions on this issue have ruled that there is to be equal treatment for all speakers, regardless of whether the speaker is part of the press as an industry or not. **RON SHELTON, VIA E-MAIL**

There is a humongous difference between the mere advocacy coming from an editorial page like Metro's and the financial control exerted by the superwealthy, self-serving types such as the Koch brothers, Bank of America and Citibank. If the paper doesn't serve public interest, people can stop reading it. The same is not true of all-too-powerful, robber baron banksters who have their filthy little fingers in every bit of money they can find around the globe! **JD DUCAS, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** If you hope to be an effective leader, you must first set the example. They'll believe only in what you do, not necessarily in what you say.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** That sudden whim to drop in on someone might not be such a good idea. If she or he is in the middle of something and doesn't want to be disturbed, you won't be welcomed.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Look gift horses in the mouth, and with a jaundiced eye. Should someone give you something for no apparent reason, chances are he or she will be expecting you to return the favor.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** This can be either a good day or a disappointing one, depending upon your choice of companions. Select pals who share the same interests as you.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Your attention span might not have much staying power, so it could be best to do all the demanding tasks first. As you tire, switch to no-brainer jobs that can be knocked off quickly.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Don't be too quick to put much credence in a business proposal presented by a new acquaintance. The item that's for sale could be all sizzle, no steak.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Should two friends of yours be at odds, even though you favor them equally and wish to help, stay out of it and don't try to be a peacemaker. Both could turn on you instead.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** If you're using a helpmate to tackle a hazardous task, keep a watchful eye on what this person is doing. Being less knowledgeable, he or she won't be as safety-conscious as you.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** As prudent as you are, you could still let your guard down and empty your wallet before you know it. Strive to be prudent in all your involvements, especially ones of a social nature.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** When making a request of your mate, a lack of tact on your part could cause him or her to react in a way opposite from the one you were hoping for. Don't be careless in your choice of words.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Friends aren't likely to be prepared to cope with any last-minute changes. Thus, try to let them know your intentions well in advance.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Your expectations might not be based upon realistic factors. Thus, self-discipline is likely to be required in order to subdue temptations.

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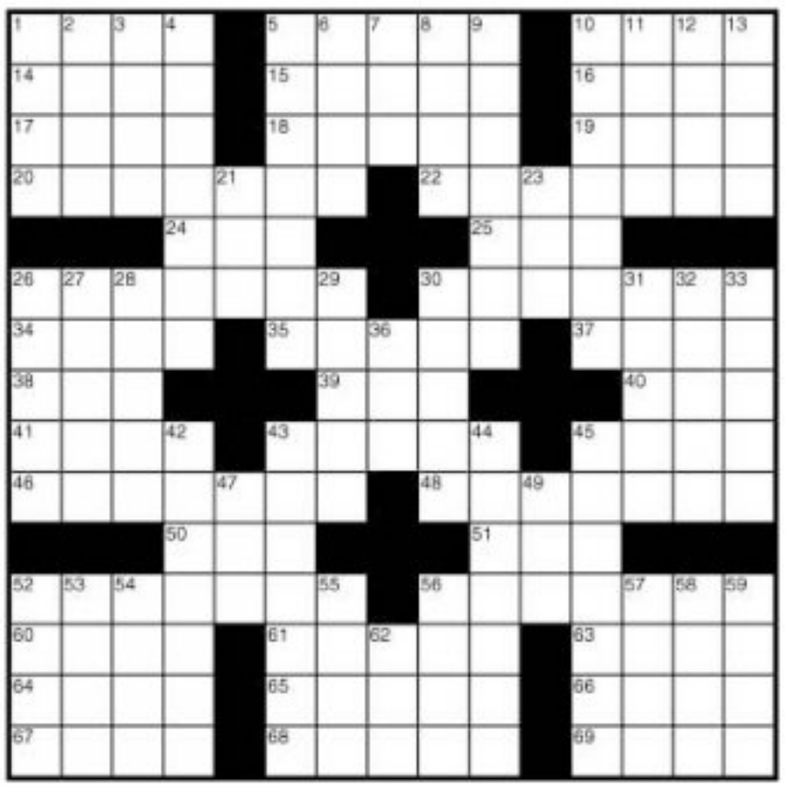

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Castillo's defense finally taking flight

● Players seem to be responding to new defensive coordinator ● Credit Coleman for organizing film meetings ● Nobody is giving up on season

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▶ The Eagles are focused on flying to the ball, as evidenced by their seven takeaways over the past two weeks.

Juan Castillo is so happy these days that he's stopping midsentence to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. At least, that's what the Eagles defensive coordinator did yesterday while answering a question about Kurt Coleman.

"I think all of us in here, you know, it's Christmas, one thing I would like to wish everybody in Philadelphia a Merry Christmas," Castillo said. "And all of those guys just keep working hard because you never know what can happen."

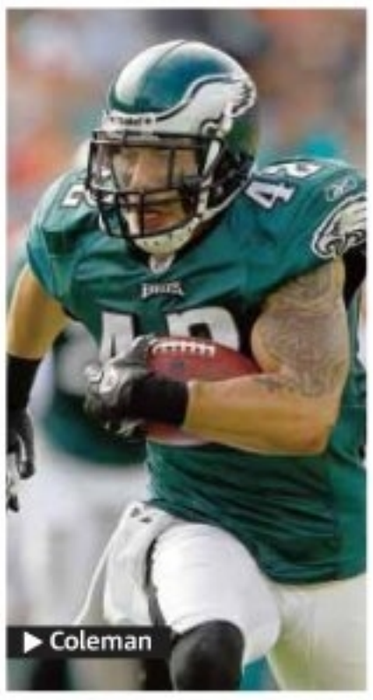
Castillo has every right to be happy right now. His once struggling defense has caused seven turnovers while holding opponents to a 37 percent success rate inside the red zone during the team's two-game winning streak.

Players can't pinpoint an exact reason or turning point, but some credit a change in attitude.

"Some of the vets were able to say something and we just want to put more of an emphasis on, whatever the situation is when we take the field, it's business and we got to take of our own," Coleman said. "Our main focus is flying to the ball. First guy get there, second guy get it out."

On TV Saturday

Eagles at Cowboys, 4:15 p.m. (FOX)



▶ Coleman

Coleman is also credited with leading a group that comes in early Saturday mornings and watches film together. The safety said he orchestrated the meetings on advice from linebacker Jamar Chaney. It started about seven to eight weeks ago.

"It's a great thing for us to kind of review and take as a professional, and teach the young guys how we watch film and get better as a team," Coleman said.

Cullen Jenkins, one of the team's more outspoken leaders, praised the defense's intensity level and failure to quit even when the season seemed lost.

"Things could have very easily gone south, everybody could have thrown in the towel, the flag, gave up," Jenkins said. "You're really starting to see the type of character the people on this team have. Everybody's fighting, nobody's giving up."

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Cowboys playing scared?

Dallas owner Jerry Jones recently said that he was "scared" of playing the Eagles this week, with potential playoff implications on the line.

Remember, the Birds crushed the Cowboys 34-7, when the two met on Oct. 30.

However, Eagles players said they don't pay any attention to that. They see it more as a motivational tool.

"I don't think he's really scared," said Cullen Jenkins. "I think he's just kind of using reverse psychology on his players. We're not buying into that." ● METRO/MG

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▶ Jones

Cowboys' Jones out of practice

Dallas running back Felix Jones missed his second straight day of practice yesterday as he deals with hamstring tightness.

The Cowboys are being extra cautious with Jones since he's the only full-time back available. Last week, the team signed Sammy Morris and he rushed for 53 yards. Chauncey Washington is on practice squad. ● METRO

11 Dallas enters this weekend's game ranked 11th overall in rushing yards per game, at 119.8. Jones is coming off back-to-back 100-yard games.

Say it ain't so

Tebow blacked out

Tim Tebow can't save everything. Tebow's Broncos travel to Buffalo this weekend and there are still 24,000 tickets available, meaning the game will be blacked out on local TV. The Bills are in the middle of a seven-game losing streak. ● METRO

Asante out

Samuel misses Birds practice

Eagles corner Asante Samuel missed practice yesterday due to hamstring tightness.

Samuel didn't address the media, but both he and coach Andy Reid said earlier in the week that they expect him to play Saturday.

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ALWAYS NEXT SEASON

Momentum is a powerful thing. For those that are out of the playoffs, it's still worth watching to see who can catch the wave.

Last season, the Lions won their final four games. The Packers won their last six. **Rob Gronkowski** caught four touchdowns in Weeks 14-17. It's not a coincidence that they all had big years in 2011.

Here are some hot players with chances to keep it going next year:

Don't cry over Spiller

C.J. Spiller has proven that he has enough big-play ability and toughness to carry the load. **Fred Jackson** is also off a major injury and an impending free agent. At the very least, Spiller has earned a timeshare next season.

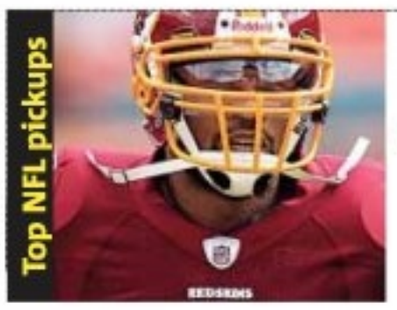
Tebow time

John Elway finally came out and said that **Tim Tebow** isn't going anywhere. With another offseason to work on his passing, Tebow will easily be a top-8 fantasy quarterback next year.

Hello, Helu

Mike Shanahan has found his one-cut back of the future. **Roy Helu** has taken over the feature back job with force, racking up 23 or more carries in four straight. He'll only get better as a sophomore.

C.J. Spiller is showing explosive ability late in the year.



Jabar Gaffney
- **WR, Vikings**
Gaffney has a dream matchup against the Vikings and has extreme chemistry with Rex Grossman. He's a WR3 this week.

Kahlil Bell
- **RB, Bears**
Bell is better than Marion Barber in the passing game and the Bears are always losing. Bell is essentially the No. 1 back.

Demaryius Thomas
- **WR, Broncos**
Thomas has replaced Eddie Royal as the starter. He also sees 1-on-1 coverage all day thanks to Tim Tebow. There's upside here.

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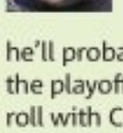

- **Ben Roethlisberger** should not have played Monday night. And now he'll probably rest until the playoffs. The Steelers roll with Charlie Batch and still beat the Rams on Saturday, but it's a major blow to owners of Mike Wallace and Antonio Brown. Downgrade them.

NBA is back

Here are three sleepers to target later in fantasy hoops drafts:

1. **Toney Douglas, PG, NYK —** Chauncey Billups is on the Clips and Baron Davis is hurt. Douglas will push for the league lead in 3-pointers.

2. **Paul George, SG, IND—** George grew to 6-foot-10 and still has his starting shooting guard skills and role. There's potential for a big breakout here.

3. **Tyrus Thomas, PF, CHA —** Thomas' knee is healthy and he's the starting power forward. One of the game's best natural shot-blockers.

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Rodgers leads Pro Bowl fan voting, McCoy sixth

Packers QB, Patriots QB most popular Eagles RB clocks in with 962,824 votes Rosters due out Dec. 27

Aaron Rodgers keeps racking up the accolades.

The Packers quarterback is already the NFL's surefire MVP. Rodgers is also the leading vote-getter for the Pro Bowl, with almost 1.6 million votes. Tom Brady is behind him with nearly 1.45 million votes. According to the NFL, more than 100 million fans voted.

Eagles running back LeSean McCoy garnered 962,824 fan votes, which is the sixth-most overall and most among running backs. He is the only Eagle to lead his position. McCoy is second in the league in rushing (1,274 yards) and No. 1 in total touchdowns (20).

The Pro Bowl rosters will be released Dec. 27, following the players and coaches vote later this week.

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Average yards per game for LeSean McCoy, which ranks third in the NFL behind Maurice Jones-Drew and Fred Jackson. McCoy is also gaining 4.9 yards per carry.

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McCoy leads all running backs in fan voting.

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1203 Ronald Woodring • 1314 Brooke Murry • 3304 Eric Blount • 4614 Adamari Diaz
4305 Joel Garcia • 3606 Kenneth Stone • 4203 Tiffanie Latanya Williams- Glenn

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Public Storage

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D442 Paulette Brown • F569 Jonathan Citron
G632 William Gipson

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0500 Tiffany Walker • 0539 Linda Thomas • 0593 Angela Smith • 0596 Letisha Moore
0644 Anisha Green • 0728 Jennifer Stuckey-Willis • 0751 Lisa Tart • 0849 Sandy Alston Harirchian
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A4317 ERIKA DUNCAN	2223 MEAGAN MAXWELL	3412 HECTOR SANCHEZ JR.
0321 MARTIN REED	4412 JACQUELINE CHAPMAN	2504 GERALDINE SCOTT
0509 RAYMOND THOMPSON	A4309 TYRONE DAWKINS	
1101 RICHARD THOMAS	A4417 KIM HOLLIMAN	

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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